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## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

#### A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Oakland, Cal.—The City Council has fixed the tax levy at \$1.21.

Vancouver—The steamer Empress of Japan sailed for Hongkong and Yokohama. Among her 175 passengers were a large number of missionaries for China, Korea, Japan, India and Siam.

Mill Valley—W. S. Jones, assistant engineer on the steamer Pomona, was killed here by the accidental discharge of his gun. He was hunting, and on climbing over an obstruction his gun was discharged.

Santa Rosa—Owen P. Hoddy, a veteran printer and newspaper man, died here. He formerly conducted newspapers in Cloverdale, Calistoga and other places, and was well known throughout the state.

Jesse Brown, an alleged accomplice of Homer S. Perry, who was arrested at Redlands several days ago on a charge of forgery, was arrested and is now in jail at Ukiah. It is said that Brown found a check for \$250 in the road, drawn on the Wells-Fargo Bank in San Francisco. Brown, who is a half-breed, is alleged to have forged Huff's name and received the money. This is stated to be the first case of Indian forgery on record.

A San Jose dispatch says: Dr. Spongie, who was removed from the superintendency of Agnews asylum, declines to vacate the position, and ex-Senator Morehouse, his attorney, will sue out a writ of certiorari against the Board of Managers to have the late proceedings in San Francisco reviewed. This action, so Morehouse says, will be followed by one against Governor Gage to recover \$100,000 for alleged libel and defamation of character.

Police Judge Treadwell of San Francisco makes a most effective game warden by his severe fines on those who violate the law by selling game out of season. Several market men in that city were found with mallard, teal and other ducks in their possession, and were fined \$20 each. A pot-hunter is the pariah of sportsmen at any time, but when he kills out of season he is no worse than the merchant who is willing to offer his ill-gotten game for sale. There is a local timely warning in this item that it will be well to heed.

The announcement from Santa Barbara that a mining claim was registered there last week for a find just over the summit of the Santa Inez range, back of Summerland, revives the interest once centered in that locality. That there is gold in the Santa Inez range is well known, and inasmuch as the locality is within easy walking distance of supplies, and well watered, and as the "transportation" element cuts no figure in it, it is safe to say the taking up of this claim was an honest proceeding, and that men with means, time and knowledge of the profession would do well to prospect the whole range. There is greater likelihood of paying returns there than San Roque offered, and without the suffering incident to work in the latter.

#### CALIFORNIA PENSIONS.

Pensions were granted to Californians as follows: Original widows, etc., Sarah A. Churchill, Los Angeles, \$8; original widows, etc., special, August 15, Elizabeth G. Smith, Los Angeles, \$8.

Original—Theodore C. Fitch, Fair Oaks, \$6; George McClure, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, \$6.

Renewal—William S. Panver, Roseville, \$6.

Increase—Edward Streller, Veterans' Home, Napa, \$6 to \$10.

Original—Albert W. Coffey, San Lucas, \$6; Isaac Boyer, Palms, \$8; Peter J. Johannsen, San Francisco, \$8; Dan-

iel C. Millan, Riverside, \$8; Charles K. Sykes, San Francisco, \$6; Lorenzo R. Heitler, San Francisco, \$6; reissue, William P. Hughes, San Francisco, \$21.25.

The secretary of the interior has made requisition on the secretary of the treasury for \$865,000 for payment of pensions at San Francisco.

#### BIG CORPORATION.

Fresno—A million-dollar oil company has been incorporated, to be known as the Corbett Oil and Development Company. The shares are divided into 10,000 of the par value of \$100 a share.

According to the articles of incorporation the amount of stock actually subscribed is \$700,000. The following are the directors: J. Brownstone, G. W. Terrill, F. T. Newell, H. E. Corbett and C. L. Meracle, all of Selma.

#### LOUIS P. DREXLER'S WILL.

The will of the late Louis P. Drexler, the millionaire, who died on August 17, has been filed for probate. The petition states that the estate exceeds \$500,000, but it is known that the estate is worth at least \$2,000,000.

The will, which was a holographic one, leaves the bulk of the estate to his wife, and divides much property among relatives and friends. Several charities are handsomely remembered.

#### FISH MANURE FOR SUGAR FIELDS

Ketchikan, Alaska—(Wired from Vancouver, B. C.)—Claus Spreckels of San Francisco, has purchased a fishery on Prince of Wales island, and yesterday a tug arrived with men and material for the building of a large plant. The first step will be the construction of large fish guano works. The product will be carried direct to Hawaii, where there is a large market for it.

#### WASHINGTON VOLUNTEERS.

Seattle—Negotiations are in progress for bringing the Washington volunteers from San Francisco to Seattle in a body, after their muster out. Two steamers will probably be chartered.

Levi Ankeny, the well-known banker of Walla Walla, has offered to bear the entire expense of the vessels chartered, which will amount to about \$10,000.

#### AID REQUESTED.

Sacramento—Secretary of War Root has addressed a circular letter to Governor Gage asking him to call upon the people of California for aid in relieving the suffering people of Porto Rico. The letter states that a great multitude are absolutely destitute in Porto Rico and a large amount of supplies are necessary.

#### PAYING DEAR FOR A DEER.

San Jose—Joseph Jugum, an Austrian, pleaded guilty to having killed a female deer and was fined \$250 by Justice Wallace, in default of which he will serve 250 days in the county jail. The arrest was caused by the Fish and Game Protective Association.

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

London—Special precautions are being taken at Southampton and other English ports in regard to the bubonic plague and yellow fever. All vessels arriving from Spanish and Portuguese ports are rigorously examined by the medical officers.

The Jamaican government has offered a contingent of 300 native militia for the support of the white troops ordered hence for service in the Transvaal. Wonderful enthusiasm has been manifested in regard to enlistment for service in South Africa. When volunteers were called for an entire regiment responded.

#### END OF THE WORLD.

St. Petersburg—Reports from Southern Russia say that a current belief on the approaching end of the world is causing a panic among the uneducated classes. At Kharkova, the capital of the government of that name, workmen are leaving in large numbers, wishing to spend what they consider their last days at their village homes.

The factory owners have asked the police to stop this immigration in order to prevent the ruinage of their business.

Some 300 newspaper correspondents at Rennes are up to their ears in tons of opinions and a few facts.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

### News of the State, Nation and the World

Washington: Statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$275,921,284; gold reserve, \$246,331,845.

The St. Paul Globe in its leader advocates the nomination of Admiral Dewey by the next national Democratic convention.

With the price of matches going up it is to be feared that the man who wants to borrow a light will become more exacting.

Washington: Both Gen. Brooke and Gen. Wood have denied to the war department rumors of riots and disturbances in Santiago.

A lawyer in Chicago has been sent to jail for incompetency. The public would be safer if some of the other kind were sent there.

Of late the masons at Havana have asked for an increase in wages. The other day 4000 workers held a conference, at which a strike was agreed to. They ask \$3.50 a day for ordinary work and \$4.50 for special work. The American masons working in the city have gone on a sympathetic strike, and 9000 men are now idle.

The Spanish steamer Alphonso XIII which sailed for Spain from Havana has on board 432 Spaniards, who are being repatriated at the expense of the Madrid government.

The stage between Salmon City and Red Rock, Mont., was held up half a mile inside the Idaho line, eighty miles from here, by four men. H. T. Reinein, manager of the dredge company working on the old McNutt property near Salmon City, Idaho, was a passenger. He had more than \$5000 in gold dust, which he was bringing to Dillon. The robbers took it. The robbers then mounted horses, which were concealed in the timber, and escaped. Sheriff Pile and Deputy Stoler have left for Bannock in pursuit.

Mrs. William Y. Perot, charged with having abducted her daughter, Gladys, from Baltimore, and for whom extradition papers were sent from the United States, has been formally freed from custody in the Bow street police court, London, and the case was thus ended. The proceedings were confined to formal proofs of the withdrawal of the extradition proceedings, which were accomplished by mutual agreement, after Mrs. Perot had promised to land her daughter over to the care of William H. Perot, the grandfather. Mrs. Perot drove away from the court smiling, accompanied by her sister and Gladys. Perot and the child will sail as soon as possible for the United States.

#### EXPENSE OF THE ARMY.

New York: A special to the Times from Washington says:

"The Fifty-fifth Congress appropriated for the maintenance of the army, including all expenses except those for the construction of fortifications, about \$80,000,000. It had authorized the president to raise an army of 100,000 men, and it was supposed to be allowing the use of money enough to keep those men in the field, as it could not be assumed that the force asked for would be unnecessary.

"If the War Department were to regulate its expenditures according to the sum appropriated by Congress it would spend for the army about \$6,500,000 a month. Two months of the fiscal year have almost passed, and in those two months the army has cost more than \$31,000,000. At that rate the appropriation for the army will not last until December. Some of the money, it is explained, is going out to meet contracts entered into last year, and the average expenditure will be smaller after a month or two; but it will have to be much less if the \$80,000,000 is to last until a deficiency bill can be passed.

"Secretary Gage was asked whether he thought it would be necessary to sell bonds to provide money with which to maintain the army. He replied that he thought not. If Congress had authorized the expenditure of more than \$80,000,000 for the army in the fiscal

year it is the Treasurer's opinion that the income from the customs and internal revenue would be sufficient to meet every demand, but the trouble appears to be not the difficulty about raising money, but the authority to spend it.

"The estimate submitted to Congress for the army asked for \$144,000,000 for the year, on the assumption that 100,000 men would be allowed to be maintained in the army. The cutting off of the \$64,000,000 seems to have been ill-judged, for if the expenditures continue as they have been in July and August the appropriation will not be half enough. But the treasury will not sell bonds to remedy the matter. The only remedy will be the consent of Congress that more than \$80,000,000 may be expended."

#### TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

Minneapolis, Minn.: A special to the Times from Duluth, Minn., says:

John C. Morrison, an Alaskan prospector from Duluth, reported dead in the Kotzebue country, has written home telling of the sufferings of those who have been at Cape Nome, July 24 from Anvil City on Cape Nome, Mr. Morrison wrote, over 100 miners and prospectors must have perished in the Kotzebue district. Six of the party he was with died, and the remainder came very near dying. His entire party was sick and nearly starved when a relief expedition rescued them. Speaking of experiences with scurvy Mr. Morrison says:

"Our arms and legs swelled terribly, turned black, our teeth became so loose you could easily pull them out. My limbs are all drawn up, but I am doing well and can walk a short distance without crutches. We left our winter quarters in the Arctic regions on June 6 and were stuck in the ice till July 12. We are now at Cape Nome, 120 miles north of St. Michael. There is no gold in the Kotzebue country."

#### PERSECUTION CHARGED.

Chicago: A special to the Chronicle from Portland, Ore., says that Claus Schnetlin, just returned from the Atlin district, Alaska, tells a remarkable story of the Canadian police. He claims that he and his mining companions, Henry Rogers, Peter Megerle, Carl Henlein and Thomas Maloney, were driven out of the Atlin country and that they intend to lay their grievances before the highest federal authorities at Washington.

Schnetlin says: "The persecution of us, as well as scores of other American miners, began months ago, and has grown in intensity, so that now an American's life is in constant danger in the Atlin country. We were forced to abandon our claims and were allowed twenty-four hours to leave."

#### STATE OF ANARCHY.

London: The La Buan correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company cables that reliable news received there direct from Manila says that an indescribable state of anarchy prevails. The Americans, according to these advices, occupy a radius of fifteen miles there; around the town of Iloilo they occupy a radius of nine miles, and around Cebu they occupy a small radius. The rest of the country, it is added, is in the hands of the Filipinos.

The correspondent also says it is reported the Filipinos have murdered the crew of the steamer Saturnus.

The Saturnus of the Compania Maritima, coasting under the American flag, was beached under the insurgent trenches at San Fernando and burned August 2d.

#### LONDON TO DAWSON.

Chicago: A special to the Tribune from Victor, B. C., says that from London, England, to Dawson City, on the Klondike, in seventeen days, is the record made by a mining engineer from South Africa. He left London for Southampton by train, caught an Atlantic liner, in which he crossed the ocean in a little over six days.

The trip from New York to Vancouver was made in four days. From Seattle the trip to Skaguay was made in less than three days. Close connections were made with the White Pass and Yukon railroad and the lake and river boats, and he was landed in Dawson seventeen days from London.

## MINES AND MINING.

An important strike is reported in the Mint mine, near Chloride, Ariz. In the 500-foot tunnel, run to strike the ore, a vein from twelve to eighteen inches was opened up which it is reported goes from seven to eight ounces of gold and 1300 ounces in silver, or, in value, about \$1000 to the ton. The strike was made about 100 feet below the old workings.

California's first talc mine has been opened in Ventura county by S. Simon, and talc is for the first time being produced commercially in this state. Talc is found abundantly all through the state, but rarely of sufficient whiteness and purity to be of any commercial value. It is largely demanded for the manufacture of paper and of other uses, and it is extensively produced in the East.

At Copper City, eight miles north of the Belzie camp, San Bernardino county, over one hundred mines have been located, the greater portion of which are owned by Mr. J. Irving Crowell of Los Angeles, who lately disposed of a portion of his interest in his copper properties at Copper City to a Boston syndicate. Eighteen men are employed by the latter. They have a good flow of water, and sufficient for smelting purposes.

Considerable mining is now carried on with very good success at the headwaters of Coffee Creek, along the Siskiyou and Trinity county boundary line. Wherever the miners strike gold in that section they find the ground exceedingly rich, not excelled by the most extravagant reports from Klondike. All along the headwaters of the Trinity and Salmon rivers, rising in the mountains of Siskiyou and Trinity counties, gold is found in large quantity, but it requires capital and hard work to get it out.

The Leon mine, fourteen miles southeast of Perris, is extensively developed and has exposed in the workings some fine ore, in which gold can be seen. The workings have exposed two ore-shoots, and further development is being planned. There are two shafts on the property and levels are run, but the shafts have not been connected. They are 500 feet apart. The vein is unlike others in that region, being at the contact of mica schist and a porphyry dike. The vein varies in size greatly. No cross-cutting has been done, but when work is recommenced a system of cross-cuts will be run.

#### MINING IN MEXICO.

The amount of development work that is being done in the various mining camps in the republic is so great that in a short time the production of precious metals will be far in excess of that of past years. Never before in the history of Mexico have such quantities of mining machinery of all kinds been sold. A gentleman who has recently visited a large number of mining camps said recently: "I cannot begin to give an idea of the activity in mining circles in Mexico. It is not confined to any one place, but seems to be general. I have seen a good many mining booms in the United States, but none like this. It really isn't a boom, but a steady yet remarkably rapid growth. If you want to see a fine mining camp take a run out to El Oro some day. Everybody is especially busy there. The 100-stamp mill at the American Mining Company will be in operation in a few days. At the Esperanza they are taking out the grade for their 80-stamp addition. A shaft is being sunk at the Mexico and guides are being put in the second compartment to run the cages in both shifts. The same is being done in El Carmen. A shaft is also being sunk in the Nolan mine."

#### GOLD OUTPUT.

Returned Correspondent Estimates It at \$20,000,000.

Chicago—A special to the Times-Herald from Vancouver, B. C., says that Louis Marks, the Klondike correspondent of the Financial News of London, Eng., arrived from the North by the steamer Rosalie. He has been investigating conditions there, and prospects for mining developments. He says that the output will be well over \$20,000,000 this year.

He says that the governmental system there is a wicked one, and illustrates it by the way in which whisky permits and other matters have been handled. Whisky permits were some time ago issued said to be worth something like \$300,000 to the government in revenue money that was to be spent in building roads, but the government instead of carrying this out, canceled these permits, and gave the permits to their party friends. In this way all the revenue was lost, and Mr. Marks says that as a result Dawson will have a big whisky trust this winter that will have liquor up to \$1 a glass.

Speaking more particularly of British investment, Marks said that in a few years the whole country would be changed to a big hydraulic district. This was being started now, and large groups of claims are being bought up to be operated in this way.